

Cumann Lúthchleas Gael Coiste Chontae Dhún na nGall





Cluiche Ceannais Sinsear A
4.30 in

Naomh Adhamhnáin

Naomh Conaill







Cluiche Ceannais Sinsear B

Naomh Adhamhnáin

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Fáilte on Cathaoirleach - Mick McGrath

A Chairde,

Mar chathaoirleach ar CLG Dhún na nGall, tá an-áthas orm fáilte a chur romhaibh uilig anseo inniú go Páirc Sheáin Mhic Cumhaill. Is lá an-speisialta é inniu i bhféilire CLG Dhún na nGall mar is é cluiche ceannais an chontae an sárthaispeántas do pheileadóirí sinsear A agus Sinsear B. Is í uaillmhian achán club a bheith páirteach i gcluiche ceannais an chontae agus tréaslaím ó chroí le Naomh Conaill agus Naomh Adhamhnáin as an gcluiche ceannais peile sinsear a bhaint amach sna gráid A agus B.

Cuirim fáilte go háirithe roimh na foirne, lucht bainistíochta agus lucht tacaíochta Naomh Conaill agus Naomh Adhamhnáin a bhéas ag imirt inniú i gcluichí ceannais sinsear A agus B. Tá imreoirí mhaith ar an dá thaobh ag an dá leibheal agus ba chóir go mbeidh dhá chluiche den chead scoth le feiceál. Tá sé galánta slua mór a fheiceáil anseo agus tá súil agam go mbainfidh sibh go léir sult agus taitneamh as an ocáid.

The biggest club match of our season is our Senior Football Final and two well seasoned clubs reappear once again to battle it out for that honour. That the Reserve Senior final is contested by the same clubs identifies the strength that projects both of them to the top of the table in 2022.

St Eunans were worthy winners of both titles last year and there is no club as determined as Naomh Conaill in their preparation to prevent that re-occurring this year.

St Eunans are many pundits favourites to retain their title, and a great game is expected to close our Senior A championship for 2022. I wish both clubs well and may the best team win.

This weekend also sees the 1982

Donegal U21 team being re-united with a re-union function. They were the first team from our county to win an All Ireland and it's a welcome decision to bring them together to reminisce on that historic occassion.

Today also brings together the 1972 Donegal Senior Football team. It's difficult to apprehend that it's 50 years ago that this team were the first Donegal team to win the Ulster Senior championship and bring back the Anglo Celt Cup to Donegal. It's great to see so many of them still with us. We shall fondly remember those who are no longer with us, but we are delighted that they are proudly represented by members of their families today.

In conclusion can I thank the club and county sponsors who continue to support our competitions and games. Please in turn support their businesses and companies where you can. Furthermore can I thank all our match officials, fixtures committee, stewards and grounds staff for their voluntary work throughout the season

Ádh Mór - Mick McGrath

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Cluiche Ceannais Sinsear A & B Co. Dhún Na nGall

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CLÁR AN LAE

Páirc Mhic Chumhail, Bealach Féich; 9ú Deireadh Fómhair, 2022

14:15 Naomh Cónaill V Naomh Adhamhnáin

16:30 Naomh Conaill V Naomh Adhamhnáin

13.00	Gates Open
13:55	Both Club Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees Room
13.55	Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to Town end
	goals. Naomh Conaill will use the Town end dugouts.
13:57	Naomh Adhamhnáin take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to River
	Finn end goals. Naomh Adhamhnain will use the River Finn end dugouts.
14:00	Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
14:10	Toss
14:15	Tús an chluiche
14:48	Leath-am
14.40	Naomh Conaill to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
	Naomh Adhamhnáin to leave the field once Naomh Conaill have cleared the tunnel
14:58	Tús an dara leath
	Críoch an chluiche
15:33	
15:35	Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Michael Murphy Sports Leisure
15:38	
	Presentation of the Senior B Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae Band take the field
15:40	
15:40	1972 Ulster Champions assemble in the Stand
15:45	1972 Ulster Champions proceed to the pitch
15:55	Both Club Secretaries to present Team Lists in Referees Room
16:08	Naomh Conaill take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to Town end
	goals. Naomh Conaill will use the Town end dugouts.
16:10	Naomh Adhamhnáin take the field and line up for team photograph. Proceed to River
46.45	Finn end goals. Naomh Adhamhnain will use the River Finn end dugouts.
16:15	Oifigigh an Chluiche amach ar an bpáirc
16:17	Both teams to line up for parade behind Flag Bearers
16:20	Toss
16:24	Three minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann
16:26	One minute warning before Amhrán na bhFiann
16:27	Amhrán na bhFiann. Players should stand to attention respectfully facing the flag
	At least 30 seconds will be provided to teams after the anthem, this is to allow for any
	team huddles or warmups before they are required to get into position for the start of
	the game.
16:30	Tús an chluiche
17:05	Leath-am
	Naomh Conaill to leave the field immediately on half time whistle
	Naomh Adhamhnáin to leave the field once Naomh Conaill have cleared the tunnel
17:20	Tús an dara leath
17:55	Críoch an chluiche
17:58	Presentation of the MAN OF THE MATCH award sponsored by Ann McGeehan

&

Presentation of the Dr. Maguire Cup by Mick McGrath, Cathaoirleach Bhord an Condae

18:00

Mark Dorrian – Referee Senior A Club Championship Final



Mark is a member of the Gaeil Fhánadá club and An Garda Síochána. He is 29 and has recently married his wife Shannon and has one daughter Ríadh. He is in his 12th year of adult refereeing and is also on the Ulster panel of Referees for the last 9 years. In 2020 he took charge of the u20 Leo Murphy cup final between Cavan and Down and also took charge of the u17 League Final that year. In Donegal he has refereed the 2022 Comórtas Peil na Gaeltachta senior final, the 2020 Senior County Final, the 2019 Intermediate Final as well as other finals at all levels and grades.

In this years championship he has taken charge of 3 games. Today will be his second Senior Championship Final and he will be assisted by his umpires John Cushnan, Noel Mullaney, Hughie Shiels and Declan Coyle all from the Gaeil Fhánadá club. He would like to take this chance to thank his umpires for all their help so far this year and also thank Val Murray, Marc Brown and Jimmy White for their help today.

Today's Officials

Senior A

Referee: Mark Dorrian

Standby Referee: Val Murrray

Linesperson: Mark Brown

Fourth Official: Jimmy White

Senior B

Referee: Robbie O'Donnell

Standby Referee: Siobhán Coyle

Linesperson: Anthony McCallig

Fourth Official: Shane Toolan

Robbie O'Donnell – Referee Senior B Club Championship Final



Robbie O'Donnell, a Naomh Muire, Íochtar na Rosann, clubman, has been officiating for 25 years, starting his referee-ing career in 1997. He is married to Marion and they have five children.

He has refereed finals at all levels and grades in Donegal over the years but still looks forward to today's Senior B final between Naomh Conaill and St Eunans. He would like to thank his umpires Lee, Peter, Denis and Martin in advance. Finally he would like to thank his club Naomh Muire for all their support over the years.

Caitríona Solan

Caitríona Uí Dhochartaigh (Solan) from CLG An Clochán Liath is a former Ulster and five-time county champion in solo singing in Scór and was Ulster Champion in 2017. A teacher of music and English in the Abbey Vocational School in Donegal town she has a huge interest in many genres from sean-nós to musical theatre.



Amhrán na bhFiann

Sinne Fianna Fáil
Atá faoi gheall ag Éirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar toinn do ráinig chugainn.
Faoi mhóid bheith saor,
Seantír ár sinsir feasta
Ní fhágfar faoin tíorán ná faoin tráil
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil,
Le gean ar Ghaeil chun báis nó saoil
Le gunnascréach faoi lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaigí Amhrán na bhFiann.



Commentary for today's Donegal GAA TV stream of the Senior B Final will be supplied by Ciaran Cannon and Francie Friel. The Senior A is live on TG4 with commentary by Cuán Ó'Flatharta and Caoimhin ÓCasaide and sideline presentation by Micheál Ó'Domhnaill, Emer Gallager and Tomás Ó'Flatharta.













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Donegal - Ulster Champions for the first time in 1972

(Peter Campbell - Donegal Democrat)

Today at MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey on county final day we honour the heroes of 50 years ago, who made the breakthrough for Donegal.

1972 was an historic year for the GAA in Donegal when the senior team captured the Anglo Celt for the very first time.

There had been disappointments in 1963 and 1966 but in 1972, with wins over Down, Cavan (after a replay) and Tyrone in the Ulster final, the Anglo Celt made the journey to Donegal for the first time.

Under the management of Brian McEniff, the team set out on the journey in Ballybofey, accounting for then Ulster champions, Down, in the opening game by 1-8 to 0-8 - the goal coming from Seamie Granaghan.

They needed a superb point-taking display from Joe 'Dodo' 'Winston to match Cavan



in the semi-final, eventually earning a replay which they won with some ease. Over the two games Winston notched 0-10 in the drawn game and 0-9 in the replay, a fantastic return at a time when defending was robust and agricultural at times.

The final against Tyrone in Clones was a very tight affair with Tyrone leading 1-6 to 0-5 at half-time. A goal from Mickey Sweeney brought Donegal back into contention before a late goal from Seamus Bonar clinched victory.

It was a great breakthrough for Donegal and ended an 83-year Famine. Credit must go to player manager Brian McEniff for plotting the course and if a player was to be singled out, then Joe 'Dodo' Winston deserves mention. He finished as top scorer in Ulster in that year and his scoring exploits against Cavan saw Donegal finally get past their bogey team.

Path to the Final

Donegal 1-8, Down 0-8

Scorers - Donegal: Seamie Granaghan 1-1; Declan O'Carroll 0-3,3f; Joe Winston 0-2,2f; Martin Carney, Hughie

McClafferty 0-1 each.

Down: Sean O'Neill 0-4,3f; Joe Byrne (f), Anthony King 0-1 each.

Donegal: D McGeehan; D Monaghan, P McShea, J Boyce; B McEniff, A Gallagher, A Curran; S Bonar, F

McFeely; M Carney, D O'Carroll, H McClafferty; S Granaghan, J Hannigan, J Winston. Subs: A

Carroll, M McMenamin.

Donegal 0-12, Cavan 2-6

Scorers - Donegal: Joe Winston 0-10,6f; Mickey McMenamin, Seamie Granaghan 0-1 each.

Cavan: Steve Duggan 1-1; Mickey Reilly 1-0; Hugh McInerney 0-2; Pauric Brady (f), D Fitzpatrick, JJ

Reilly 0-1 each.

Donegal: D McGeehan; D Monaghan, P McShea, J Boyce; B McEniff, A Gallagher, A Curran; S Bonar, F

McFeely; M Carney, M McMenamin, D O'Carroll; S Granaghan, M Sweeney, T Quinn.

Donegal 2-11, Cavan 1-9

Scorers - Donegal: Joe Winston 0-9,7f,'50'; Martin Carney 1-1; Mickey Sweeney, Seamie Granaghan 0-1 each.

Cavan: Steve Duggan 0-6,5f; Hugh McInerney 1-0; Gene Cusack, Steve McGuigan 0-1 each.

Donegal: A Kane: D Monaghan, P McShea, J Boyce: B McEniff, A Gallagher, A Carroll: S Bonar, F

McFeely; M Carney, M McMenamin, D O'Carroll; S Granaghan, M Sweeney, J Winston. Sub: A

Curran.

Story of the 1972 Ulster Final

It took 10 minutes before the first score arrived, Patsy Hetherington pointing for Tyrone but Seamie Granaghan equalised. Michael McMenamin put Donegal ahead but Hetherington levelled.

Granaghan punched Donegal ahead and Joe Winston doubled the lead from a free but Hetherington and Brendan Dolan had Tyrone level after 26 minutes.

Hetheringon and Dolan put Tyrone two up but Declan O'Carroll

responded before the final score of the half, a free from Paddy McMahon punched to the net by Brendan Dolan to leave it 1-6 to 0-5 to Tyrone at the break.

Declan O'Carroll and Hetherington traded early points in the second half before a goal from Michael Sweeney had Donegal back within a point. O'Donoghue doubled the Tyrone lead and Hetherington pointed after a free awarded Donegal for a short kick-out.

In the 9th minute Joe Winston pointed; Paddy McMahon replied before two Winston points followed before Brian McEniff levelled on 22 minutes.



Paddy Parks put Tyrone ahead but again Winston replied. Then came the turning point when a long delivery from Seamus Bonar deceived the Tyrone 'keeper and ended in the net. Frankie McFeely and Joe Winston added late points to close out the win.

Donegal Management team:
Brian McEniff (player/manager);
Selectors: Gerry McCafferty
(Convoy RIP); Jim 'Natch' Gallagher
(Aodh Ruadh, Ballyshannon RIP):

Columba McDyre (Glenties RIP); Mick Higgins (Cavan RIP); Kieran McCready (Ballyshannon and Dublin RIP).

The Donegal Scorers in Ulster in 1972 were:

Joe Winston, 0-27 (19 f, 150);

Seamie Granaghan 1-5;

Mickey Sweeney 2-0;

Martin Carney 1-2;

Declan O'Carroll 0-5 (3 f);

Seamus Bonar 1-0;

Mickey McMenamin 0-2;

Hugh McClafferty0-1;

Frankie McFeely (0-1); and,

Brian McEniff (0-1).

Teams and Scorers

Donegal 2-13, Tyrone 1-11

Scorers: Donegal: Joe Winston 0-6,4f; Mickey Sweeney, Seamus Bonar 1-0 each; Seamie Granaghan, Declan

O'Carroll 0-2 each: Mickey McMenamin, Brian McEniff, Frankie McFeely 0-1 each.

Tyrone: Patsy Hetherington 0-6,5f; Brendan Dolan 1-2; S Donaghy, Paddy McMahon, Paddy Parks

0-1 each.

DONEGAL: A Kane; D Monaghan, P McShea, J Boyce; B McEniff, A Gallagher, A Carroll; S Bonar, F

McFeely; M Carney, M McMenamin, D O'Carroll; S Granaghan, M Sweeney, J Winston. Subs:

A Curran, J Hannigan.

Rest of panel: Hugh McClafferty, Enda Bonner, Danny McGeehan, Thomas Quinn, Donal Britton, Ray Sheer-

in, Mick Griffin, Michael Doherty, Peter Barry, Tommy McMenamin, Michael Crossan, Josie

Bovle.

TYRONE: K Harte; O Nugent, P Mulgrew (capt), J Duffy; MJ Forbes, G Teggart, M Hughes; B Dolan,

Seamus Donaghy; P Hetherington, J McElhatton, P McMahon; H Crawford, K Teague, J Early.

REFEREE: Fintan Tierney (Cavan

Donegal Squad 1972



Alan Kane



Andy Curran



Anthony Gallagher



Anton Carroll



Brian McEniff



Daniel McGeehin



Declan O'Carroll



Donal Monaghan



Donel Britton



Edna Bonner



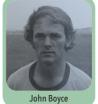
Frankie McFreely



Hugh McClafferty



Joe Winston





John Hannigan



Josie Boyle



Martin Carney



Michael Crossan



Michael Doherty





Mickey McMemamin





Pauric McShea



Peter Barry





Seamus Bonar







Player of the Match

Senior A: Peadar McGeehin Memorial Award Senior B Michael Murphy Sports and Leisure



PATHS TO THE FINAL



Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Senior A Championship



Round Robin League

Rd 1: Glenwilly 2-8 Naomh Conaill 1-11

Rd 2: Naomh Conaill 1-12 Killybegs 0-9

Rd 3: Sean MacCumhaill 0-9 Naomh Conaill 3-8

Rd 4: Naomh Conaill 1-14 Gaoth Dobhair 1-9

Knock-out Rounds

Quarterfinal: Naomh Conaill 2-10 Glenswilly 0-10 Semifinal: Naomh Conaill 0-13 Gaoth Dobhair 1-8

Round Robin League

Rd 1: St Eunans 1-14 Naomh Naille 0-7

Rd 2: Realt na Mara 1-6 St Eunans 1-21

Rd 3: St Eunans 1-20 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 2-7

Rd 4: Sean MacCumhaill 0-6 St Eunans 1-11

Knock-out Rounds

Quarterfinal: St Eunans 2-15 St Michaels 0-5 Semifinal: St Eunans 1-13 Kilcar 1-11

PATHS TO THE FINAL



Michael Murphy Sports & Leisure Senior B Championship



Round Robin League

Rd 1: Glenwilly 1-9 Naomh Conaill 3-10

Rd 2: Naomh Conaill 3-21 Killybegs 0-1

Rd 3: Sean MacCumhaill 0-9 Naomh Conaill 5-13

Rd 4: Naomh Conaill 4-7 Gaoth Dobhair 1-11

Knock-out Rounds

Quarterfinal: Naomh Conaill 5-13 Cloughaneely 0-5 Semifinal: Naomh Conaill 3-16 Gaoth Dobhair 1-5

Round Robin League

Rd 1: St Eunans w/o Naomh Naille DNF

Rd 2: Realt na Mara DNF St Eunans w/o

Rd 3: St Eunans 1-12 Cloich Cheann Fhaola 0-11

Rd 4: Sean MacCumhaill 2-8 St Eunans 2-5

Knock-out Rounds

Quarterfinal: St Eunans 2-9 Kilcar 0-10 Semifinal: St Eunans 1-12 Gaoth Dobhair 1-10

1 Minute with, Brendan McDyer, Naomh Conaill

Favourite Position: Half Forward **Favourite Pitch:** Kingspan Breffni

Hobbies: Babysitting

Childhood hero: John Gildea

Best Player you have played with: Anthony Thompson **Best Player you have played against:** Michael Murphy

Best game you have been involved in: 2nd replay 2019 county final **Best trainer within your club's squad:** Ultan Doherty/Eoin Waide

Worst trainer within the club's squad: None
Best motivator within the squad: Marty Boyle

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Gimme Shelter - Rolling Stones

Favourite Film: The Breakfast Club

Favourite Holiday Destination: Quinta Da Lago- Portugal

Favourite Meal: Fillet steak & chips

Best advice ever received: You will get out what you put in

Biggest influence on career: Dad and my family, Martin Regan Snr, Johnny Mc

Loone & Jim Mc Guinness

Club Volunteer of note: Martin Shankey Smith & Martin Regan Jnr

Song you listen to before big games: Foo Fighters - Run

Most important skill: First touch

Biggest Strength in your game: Kicking

Area of your game you would like to improve: Weak side

Advice for youngsters: Practise left and right foot & hands Young Player within your club to look out for: Conor Gildea

Best thing about the GAA: Social Aspect

Batman/Superman: Batman

Up Early/Lie in: Up Early (no choice)

Chinese/Pizza: Pizza
Twitter Account: None
Instagram Account: None





Best wishes to the Naomh Conaill
Senior and Reserve team in the
County Final from Pat and all the
staff at the Highlands Hotel



Stair - Naomh Conaill

Founded in 1921 the club has served the Glenties, Fintown and Edeninfagh areas very well since then. The club caters for underage from nursery right up to U-18, U21 and seniors. There is a very active Ladies branch covering underage and adult teams. We also have been working hard on achieving a Healthy Club status in 2022 and our Health and Wellbeing team have done tremendous work in running various activities in the club and community during the year.

In the early days it was the senior players who were mostly catered for. While teams did contest County Finals in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's no trophies were ever won. It would be 1965 that we saw another team reach a senior final again only to lose out in a replay to a very good St Joseph's (Bundoran/ Ballyshannon) team. Indeed, having won the Junior Championship the previous year hopes were high in this senior final, but it was not to be. In the following years there was some success at under-age and Intermediate levels, but it would be forty years before we reached another senior final. In 2005 a very young side reached the final against St Eunan's and after a replay, the Dr. Maguire Cup came to the Parish for the first time. At this time a string of U21 teams also came to the fore, playing in 8 consecutive finals between 2006 and 2013 winning five in all.

We reached a senior final in 2009 but lost out to St Eunan's. In 2010 we regained the Dr. Maguire Cup at the expense of Na Cella Beaga and went to the final of the Ulster Club Championship only to go down to a powerful Crossmaglen team. We lost out in the 2012 final to St Eunan's but when we renewed acquaintance in the 2015 final, the Boys in Blue came out on top. That year we also won the Comortas Peile na Gaeltachta Náisiúnta for the first time when it was played in Ardara and we retained the title in 2016 when the final was played in Co. Corcaigh.

We were back in the Senior Championship final again in 2017 with St Eunan's. This time out they avenged the 2015 defeat but we didn't leave MacCumhaill Park empty handed that day as we defeated Eunans to win the Senior B final for the first time in the club's history.

We qualified for the final once again in 2018 with Gaoth Dobhair as opposition. The last time these sides met at this stage of the competition was in 1941 when the Machaire Gathlán men were victorious. That trend was to be continued and Gaoth Dobhair went on to win Ulster and then advanced to the final of the All-Ireland Club Championship only to be beaten by Corofin.

With Gaoth Dobhair as the defending Donegal and Ulster champions, we were to lock horns with them again in the 2019 Co Final. After an exciting trilogy of games, it took the 2nd replay to separate the sides and on a memorable Wednesday night 30th October we emerged as County Champions. In the Ulster club Championship, we beat Castlerahan in the quarter final and Clontibret in the semi. However, a slick Kilcoo outfit defeated us in the final in Omagh and the Seamus McFerran Cup went east to the Mourne County.

In 2020 we were back in the senior county final by virtue of a slender one-point victory over St Eunans in the semi-final on 13th Sept 2020!

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, the 2020 final against Kilcar was not played until 14th August 2021. The game ended all square after extra time and was decided on penalties where we emerged victorious, thus securing back-to-back county titles (2019 & 2020).

2021 was the centenary year of our club, on 29th August 1921, men of vision formed our great club at the inaugural meeting in the Market Hall, Glenties and it was fitting that 100 years later, 29th August 2021, the chairman of CLG Dhun na nGall, Mick McGrath was present in our home pitch, Davy Brennan Memorial Park to present us with the 2021 Division 1 and Division 1B (Reserve) League Cups. During our centenary year we also won the Senior C Championship for the first time in the club's history.

In the 2021 Senior B Championship, we exited at Quarter Final stage to the eventual Champions, St Eunans while in the Senior A championship we defeated Gaoth Dobhair and Kilcar in the quarter and semi-finals respectively but in the final we were well beaten by a rampant St Eunans team that dashed any hopes we had of winning 3 in a row!

Onwards to 2022 and we find ourselves back again at MacCumhaill Park on 9th October to compete in our 6th consecutive County Senior A Final following wins over Glenswilly in the Quarter Final and Gaoth Dobhair in the Semi Final. Our reserve team is also competing for Senior B County Championship honours on the day, having defeated Cloich Cheann Fhaola and Glenfin in the quarter and semi-final respectively. St Eunans is the formidable opposition for both our teams!

Our 3rd team are also through to the county Final of the Senior C Championship where they will play MacCumhaills.

Quite an achievement for the club to have our three adult teams compete in Championship Finals at Senior A, B and C level in the one year!

Earlier this year our Reserve and Third team won county league titles while our seniors were defeated in the Division One league final. Our senior team also won Comortas Peil na Gaeltachta Sinsear Dhún na nGall 2022 but were defeated in the final of CPnG Náisiúnta in Leitir Mór. All in all, 2022 can be deemed a successful year on the fields of Inniskeel, a win or two today would of course be the icing on the cake!

The fact that we are here again today competing for the premier GAA trophy in the county for the sixth year in a row is testimony to the hard work, commitment and dedication of our players and coaches – those that are currently involved and those who have worked diligently with our teams and underage teams down through the decades. The fruits of their labours have been plain for all to see for some time now!

Ádh mór ar ár gcuid iomaitheoirí as Dún na nGall

Beidh ionadaíocht ag ceithre chlub de chuid Dhún na nGall san iomlán i mbabhta ceannais Uladh de Scór Sinsir i nGallbhaile, Contae Thír Eoghain ar an 15u Deireadh Fómhair. Fuair siad fríd babhta leath cheannias Uladh i gCondae an Chabháin ag an deireadh seachtaine a chuaigh thart. Bhí siad thuas in éidean iomaitheoirí as An Chabhán, Doire, Fear Manach agus Muineachaín.

B'iad na buaiteoirí iad seo a leanas Aithriseoireacht – Gaeil Leitir Ceanainn (Brian Sweeney), Nuachleas – An Clochán Liath, Ceol Uirlise – CLG Bhun an Phobail agus Tráth na gCeist – Aodh Ruadh BAS.





Ba é Eugene McGarvey a scríobh an Nuachles agus is faoin am an díshealbhaíodh in Éirinn é. Is léiriú brónach agus suarach é faoin tréimhse sin sa tír seo ar baineadh sult as gach áit a léiríodh go dtí seo é. San Aithriseoireacht, beidh Brian Sweeney ag aithris píosa a scríobh sé féin darb ainm THE JUNIOR B's. Is léiriú grinn é ar an dóigh a bhfuil sé ag imirt go foill ag 46 bhliain d'aois mar peileadóir sóisear B agus déanann Brian jab iontach.

Ceannais Scór Uladh

le Caitríona Sweeney agus Fergus MacAoidh

Sa cheol Uirlise, tá grúpa iontach maith ag Bun a' Phobail faoi stiúir Clodagh Warnock agus deis acu craobh Uladh bhaint. **Beidh** а Sylvester Maguire fhoireann agus a ó Aodh Ruadh BAS ag déanadh ionadaíocht ar son i dTráth na gCeist agus beidh siad deacair a chlaoi.



Le cois ár gcuid iomaitheoirí. chuir Dún nGall na moltóirí go Aontroim ag an babhta leath cheannais eile de Scór sinsir. Rinne Mary Gallagher agus Eilín Uí Bhaoill as an Chlochán Liath sar obair agus iad moltóireacht ag Aointroim. Ard ar mhacha, An Dún agus Tír Eoghain.

Bhí mí ádh ar Karen Duddy as Gleann tSúilí san Amhránaíocht Aonair agus ar ghrúpa bailéad Ghaeil Leitir Ceanainn ach mar a deir an sean fhocal, beidh lá eile ag an bPaorach. Tá suil againn go n-éireoidh go geal leo go léir ar an 15ú. Dún nan Gall Abú.



Caitríona Sweeney *Oifigeach Chultúrtha agus Teanga CLG Dhún na nGall*



Fergus Mac Aoidh Toscaire Chomhairle Uladh CLG Dhaún na nGall





Naomh Conaill on the cusp of being "The Greatest

Le Conor Breslin

When I thought about how I was going to assess Naomh Conaill's journey since St Eunans upset the odds and annihilated the county champions in MacCumhaill Park 11 months ago, I was immediately drawn to the famous heavyweight clash between Muhammad Ali and Leon Spinks in 1978. Naomh Conaill being the former, St Eunans the latter. For those of you who don't know, the then relatively young and unknown Spinks – after only eight professional bouts – defeated the champion to win the world title and become the only man ever to take a world championship away from Ali in the ring. The knives were out for the man they called the Greatest. He was "over the hill", "past his peak", "finished".

I recall Naomh Conaill being targeted with similar statements after last year's final. Whispers circulating throughout GAA grounds that the five-time county champions were an aging team in decline. Now I wouldn't go down the road saying that Eunans were by any means an unknown team last season or a team that will simply role over this time around. But to say they came slightly under the radar last season would be an understatement. Moreso, they did become the first team to defeat Naomh Conaill in a final when the men from Glenties were the reigning county champions.

What may seem outlandish and controversial to some, I would also be willing to debate that the Naomh Conaill team of now, (just like Ali at his time in the ring) could be one of the best we've seen to ever grace a field in Donegal GAA. I'm sure the St Joseph's of the 70s, the Killybegs team of the 90s, or the Gaoth Dobhair team of 2018 will have something to say on that. Let the arguments and debates on that one begin! So, how does a team like Naomh Conaill come back from such a humiliating defeat in last year's final?

I've often heard the legendary snooker player Jimmy White - who lost five world finals in a row - speak about bottling the pain of defeat within oneself, only to release it bit by bit in preparation for the next year's championship. Release the pain while training, playing, or analysing the game. Unfortunately for Jimmy, he never experienced the glory of a world final win.

But it is what Ali did after his defeat to Spinks, and I firmly believe that is what Naomh Conaill have done throughout this season's championship. A running line here that interlinks the Boys in Blue and the Louisville Lip is one of a comeback story. It's the desire to, 'Get the title back'. Ali reclaimed his title seven months later. For Naomh Conaill, we will know by six o'clock today.

With the opportunity of winning three county titles in four years, Naomh Conaill are on the verge of cementing a legacy as one of the best we've ever seen. It's a status that the people of Glenties have grasped hold of, as if desperate for oxygen. It's a legacy that where others look from the outside in

awe — something unimaginable for a club before 2005 where the colour of blue in south Donegal was firmly sealed by teams from Kilcar or Four Masters.

They are a team of hard-nosed men, affluent with a driven attitude to win. Big names with big personalities who have travelled the road of success for nearly 20 years — McDyer, Thompson, Boyle, McLoone, and the man responsible for keeping



the ship afloat, Martin Regan. When Regan decided to call it a day on December 1 of last year, many found it bizarre, only for him to return for the start of the 2022 season. He had unfinished business. A man who drove the engine of Naomh Conaill since 2015 and steered them through their most successful period and cast a shadow across the GAA landscape in the north-west. A passionate character who would never give away two sentences if one would suffice.

Amazingly, under his stewardship, too many times have I listened to teams privately cast the Glenties men aside, only after when suffering in defeat. Generalised comments; 'we could've won that match', 'they're not as good as everyone makes out', 'they got lucky'. But that's the brilliance that Naomh Conaill hold – the ability to see out the big games. I've most recently compared them to the 'Boiling Frog Analogy'. They never destroy teams from the get-go, but rather lure the opposition into a false sense of security, only to punish the opposing team later. A threat that arises gradually throughout a match rather than suddenly. Regardless of people's perceptions of this team, one thing cannot be taken away from them; today they make their sixth county final (eight if you are including replays) in a row. An astonishing achievement only equalled by Gaoth Dobhair from 1944 to '49 and St Joseph's from 1965 to '71 (there was no final played in 1966).

All eyes linger towards St Eunans who are the favourites, just as they did towards Naomh Conaill last year. But if we know anything about this fixture, nothing goes as planned. Scripts are immediately thrown away. Eunans are attempting to top the leader board with 16 county titles. Naomh Conaill are aiming to win back the title they feel they let easily slip through their grasp last year. For Rory Kavanagh it's about building a legendary team – similar to the one he played under. For Martin Regan it's about maintaining his legendary team. Regardless of who the public thinks will win this final, history has taught us that this rivalry will rarely stick to the script. People have easily overlooked Naomh Conaill before, when will you learn?

Just like what we've learned from Muhammad Ali, never doubt greatness when it's in front of you.

Bainisteoir Naomh Conaill. Martin Regan

Thar ceann imreoirí agus lucht bainistíochta C.L.G. Naomh Conaill ba mhaith liom fáilte a chur roimh gach duine anseo inniu chuig Cluiche Ceannais an Chontae. County Final Day is the pinnacle of club football in Donegal and it is a great honour for me to lead my club Naomh Conaill on this very special day in the Donegal GAA calendar.

I wish to thank our footballers and all involved in team management who have put in such hard work and dedication during the year to ensure that every effort was made to get us all here today.

The fact we have teams competing in the Senior A, Senior B and Senior C finals this year is a testament to all the work going on in the club, the fact we have taken through so many players from underage is a reflection on both the work going on at underage and also at adult level.

On behalf of the players and management I would like to thank the committee and club members in Naomh Conaill for their continued



help and support.

To the Naomh Conaill supporters, who continually support us, day in and day out and who are always there to cheer us on and to our families who have made huge sacrifices to allow us to prepare as best we can for this game and all games throughout the year-thank you.

I want to take this opportunity to

thank our main sponsor, The Harcourt Hotel and all other sponsors who have so kindly donated to us throughout the year.

Today we renew acquaintances with St. Eunan's, who have been the standard bearer in Donegal football for so long. Like ourselves, St Eunans are also competing in the Senior B final, which again emphasises the strength in depth they possess. We played St. Eunans in last year's final and we were on the end of a heavy defeat. They have improved further this year so we are under no illusions as to the task we face today.

Tá súil agam go mbeidh cluiche breá spórtúil againn agus go mbainfidh sibh uilig sult agus taitneamh as an ócáid. Go dté sibh slán abhail



Cathaoirleach, Naomh Conaill, Martin Shankey Smith

Today is an immensely proud day for our parish and the Naomh Conaill club, to have both our senior and reserve teams in their respective county final is a fantastic achievement.

Our senior team are contesting in their 6th senior final in a row, which is a great achievement for the players and management.

I would like to pay tribute to both Martin Regan and Martin Gallagher and their management teams for their hard work throughout the year in getting both teams to the finals.

County final day is a special occasion in the GAA calendar and I would like to wish everyone involved well, including St Eunans who are our opponents in both finals, the referee's, linesmen, umpires and the county board.



I would like to commend the hard work and dedication put in by our players over this last year. I want to give a special thanks to all the players and management families for the sacrifice they have made to allow the players and management to represent the club so well. I would like also to say a special thank you to my

fellow officers in the club. Without your help it would be impossible for me to do my job.

To our wonderful sponsors who have so generously supported the club over the years, the support you provide the club is very much appreciated.

A massive thank you to our wonderful supporters who have come out in large numbers to supports us year in and year out. The support you provide for all our teams is a massive lift for all the players.

Dó gach duine ag freastal ar an cluiche inniu ar an ocáid speisealta seo, bainigí sult as. Beidh curamach agus slán abhaile.

Captaen Naomh Conaill, Kevin McGettigan

On behalf of the Naomh Conaill players, I would like to give a warm welcome to all supporters here in MacCumhaill park today and also to those streaming or watching it around the country and the world. We are once again delighted and proud to be partaking in the County Final.

We have managed to maintain a healthy rivalry with St. Eunans over the years and that's down to the consistent work being put in by players and management on both sides each year. They're a successful club much like ourselves thanks to the work



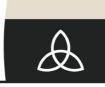
going on within the clubs, be that from all the volunteers to the work going into training the underage players in the clubs and a huge thanks must go to those responsible.

I hope the game is a great spectacle for all supporters and

spectators today and really hope everyone has a memorable day.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to deeply thank everyone at Naomh Conaill who have helped the club in any way to get it to the great place it is today.

Go Raibh Míle Maith Agat!



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Time for Collective Responsibility, if not us, then who? If not now, when?

Le Cian Murphy, Ball de chuid (CLG), Theach Mealóg-Sraid Sínge

The plethora of great games that are cramming the club calendar are being overshadowed by the reputational damage caused by a mindless minority engaged in behaviour that tarnishes the Association. In the past it has been acts of on field indiscipline amongst players that has dragged us through the mud. But 2022 has taken a turn for the worse with this behaviour extending to allegations of attacks on match officials. Do we really need to wait for a draconian set of laws and penalties to be issued by the GAA at national and local level to bring about an urgent stop?

Surely, we already know as individuals what needs to happen? There is a collective responsibility to establish what we consider an acceptable norm in relation to respect on the field and respect in dealing with match officials. The very fact that we put up signs on club pitches reminding parents "This isn't an All-Ireland final" and seeking good behaviour – and the very fact that we have an initiative like the "silent sideline" at juvenile matches should be taken as a less than positive indication of where we are. We can't expect signs and silent sidelines to be a cure when there is a cultural issue that needs to be tackled.

For too long we have tolerated an approach to discipline in the GAA to look for the grey area interpretation of rules and suspensions to see if they can be got around. We erode and undermine our values every time we go into a committee room and look to pull a stroke to get a player off or a suspension reduced, or a charge challenged. And even if these successful appeals are a 'legitimate' use of the system and sometimes succeed having highlighted procedural or technical errors – is there not a moral authority and obligation to do what is right, to hold your hands up when you are in the wrong and accept your punishment?

At matches we can encourage a forward who misses an open goal to think about the next ball or support a defender or goalie who makes a howler and costs a score. But at the same time, we have an insistence on referee infallibility and are outraged when it fails to materialise. This does not stand up to scrutiny. Likewise, there is nothing brave about hiding behind the anonymity of a keyboard to vent. The abdication of this moral code has brought us to the point where we are now – in the public domain because of an apparent lawlessness.

We know this isn't us. This is not what we stand for or want to be about. So, what are we prepared to do about it? Because if it is something we need to have enforced on us by officialdom then it won't work. If it is forced on us by a referee strike it won't work Later this month the GAA will unveil a major referee recruitment and retention initiative led by Uachtarán Larry McCarthy. It will among other things champion

a revival of the **Give Respect**, **Get Respect** initiative and is part of the Association's strategic commitment to raising the status of refereeing within Gaelic games. Refereeing will always be a special calling, not for everyone but something that is hugely rewarding for those who answer a call that the games cannot function without.



Recent allegations of attacks on match officials have already provoked a debate around the current strength of the penalties that exist in our rulebook and the need for perhaps greater deterrents. But arguably the biggest change that is required is one of mindset not rules. We can start by seeing referees not as some necessary evil but as GAA members like the rest of us, making the invaluable contribution to our games that they are. Clubs should highlight and promote and celebrate the people from their own ranks who are putting their hands up and are acting as match officials.

We need to better educate coaches, parents and players about our rules and also about our attitude to discipline - and when those lines are crossed the response should be swift and decisive and make victims of indiscipline, be they players or referees, feel protected, supported and vindicated. An inconvenient truth is we need to call out our own for their bad behaviour directed at match officials whether on or off the field. We should not turn a blind eye to our own people when they set a bad example through their behaviour.

We can insist that people reported for verbal abuse of match officials are made complete referee courses as part of their rehabilitation. There is a rule in place for a referee to move a ball forward in response to back chat from a player. But perhaps we should set the tone at underage level and respond to back chat to a referee by awarding a 20 metre free against the offending team instead. And when we find ourselves facing accusations of poor discipline we need more people to have the courage to take the John Mullane line that "if you do the crime, you do the time." New rules can be made, existing rules can be tightened but the business world will tell you that culture eats strategy for breakfast. Society is angrier now and social media can be a place where anger is easily stoked and rarely moderated.

But there is still a choice. What sort of GAA culture do we want to exist? It starts with individuals. It starts with us as GAA members. If not us, who? If not now, when?

Supporting from the Sideline

Already in this programme abuse of our officials has been highlighted and too often it is also the case players, particularly our youngsters, are also subject to abuse. In the words of some young players "when parents, shout roar and curse us, expect us to play like we were born to it, have been playing for years or are competing in Croke Park, that's not fair. We all mess up sometimes and we know we have made mistakes and vou screamina at us does not help". Ideally, clubs, managers, coaches, family and fans are there to support our young players, girls and boys, hurlers, footballers and camogie players.

With that in mind CLG Dhún na nGall Children's Officer Daireen McMenamin and Bradas Video Productions have produced a series of videos with the message "Respect One, Respect All". These videos are uploaded to the County Board's YouTube channel and the Donegal GAA website. Daireen would like to thank Paddy McMenamin, Bradas O'Donnell, the County hurlers footballers who participated, referees Enda McFeely and Siobhan Coyle, coaches, parents and of course the children who participated. Take trhe message on board, be patient and support, don't abuse.



Naomh Conaill - Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Stephen Mc Grath	33	6ft 1"	Goalkeeper	Claims Assessor
Kevin Mc Gettigan	26	5ft 10"	Corner Back	Student
AJ Gallagher	33	6ft	Full Back	Safety Instructor
Anthony Thompson	36	6ft 1"	Half Back	Engineer
Eoin Waide	34	5ft 11"	Half Back	Ground worker
Leo Mc Loone	33	6ft 1"	Half Forward	Teacher
Ciaran Thompson	27	6ft 2"	Midfield	Teacher
Marty Boyle	38	6ft 1"	Half Back	Machine Operator
Dermot Molloy	31	6ft	Forward	Construction
Ethan O'Donnell	25	6ft	Wing Back	Fibre network planner
Brendan Mc Dyer	35	5ft 10"	Half Forward	Wind farm manager
Charles Mc Guinness	25	6ft 3"	Full Forward	Coach Driver
John O'Malley	29	5ft 10"	Forward	Student
Jeaic Mc Kelvey	23	5ft 10"	Half Back	Student
Eunan Doherty	29	5ft 9"	Half Forward	Accountant
Keelan Mc Gill	22	6ft 1"	Half Back	Student
Nathan Byrne	21	6ft 3"	Midfield	Ground Worket
Seamus Corcoran	32	6ft	Centre Forward	Garda
Stephen Molloy	33	5ft 10"	Centre Back	Sales Rep
Hughie Gallagher	29	5ft 11"	Half Back	NCT Technican
Odhran Doherty	22	5ft 11"	Half Back	Defence Force
Cian Doherty	22	6ft	Defender	Gamekeeper
Neil Francis Boyle	19	6ft 3"	Midfield	Student
Joseph Shankey	20	6ft	Wing Back	Apprentice Electrician
Jason Campbell	31	6ft 1"	Full Back	Defence Force
Ultan Doherty	24	6ft	Corner Back	Architectural Technician
Logan Quinn	24	5ft 11"	Corner Back	Civil Servant
Jordan O'Donnell	24	6ft 2"	Goalkeeper	Student
Shean Roarty	21	6ft 1"	Forward	Commis chef
Paudie Brennan	35	6ft 4"	Goalkeeper	Teacher
Connor Roarty	19	5ft 10"	Forward	Factory worker
Daniel Gildea	19	5ft 8"	Half Forward	Student
Eoin Boyle	29	6ft	Forward	Sales Representative







Naomh Conaill





Kevin McGettigan



AJ Gallagher



Jason Campbell



Ethan O Donnell



Anthony Thompson



Eoin Waide



Ciaran Thompson



Jeaic Mac Ceallbhui



Brendan McDyer



Odhran Doherty



Eunan Doherty



John O Malley

Charles McGuinness

Leo McLoone

- 16 Padriag Brennan
- 17 Marty Boyle 18 Dermot Molloy
- 19 Daniel Gildea 20 Stephen Molloy
- 21 Hughie Gallagher
- 22 Keelan McGill 23 Nathan Byrne
- 24 Neil Francis Boyle

- 25 Ultan Doherty 26 Sean Roarty
- 27 Seamus Corcoran
- 28 Connor Roarty
- 29 Cian Doherty
- 30 Joseph Shanky
- 31 Logan Quinn
- 33 Jordan O Donnell





Naomh Adhamhnáin





Shaun Patton



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Conor Parke

Caolan Ward

Aaron Deeney







Peter Devine

Conor O Donnell Snr

Peter Mc Eniff







Kevin Kealy



Ciaran Moore



Shane O' Donnell



Seån Mc Veigh







Conor O'Donnell Jnr

Niall O'Donnell

Eoin Mc Geehin

16 Eoin O'Boyle 17 Kieran Tobin

18 Brian Mac Intyre

19 Jordan O'Dowd 20 Eoin Dowling

FIR IONAD

21 Padraig McGettigan

22 David Boyle

23 James Kelly

24 Oran Winston

25 Conor Morrison

26 Darragh Mulgrew

27 Darragh Ellison

28 Anthony Gallagher



Naomh Adhamhnáin - Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Occupation	Position
Shaun Patton	26	183	Garda	GK
Conor Parke	27	180.5	Data Analyst	Full back
Caolån Ward	29	189	Teacher	Full back
Aaron Deeney	22	182.5	Student	Full back
Peter Devine	30	181	Teacher	Half back
Conor O Donnell Snr	26	182.5	Teacher	Half back
Peter Mc Eniff	21	178	Student	Half back
Sean Mc Gettigan	21	192	Physio	Midfield
Kevin Kealy	23	183	Student	Midfield
Ciaran Moore	20	182	Student	Half forward
Shane O' Donnell	21	179.5	Student	Half forward
Sean Mc Veigh	31	183	Sport Scientist	Half forward
Conor O'Donnell Jnr	21	174.5	Student	Full forward
Niall O'Donnell	23	183	Bank Official	Full forward
Eoin Mc Geehin	22	181.5	Student	Full forward
Eoin O'Boyle	21	181	Student	GK
Kieran Tobin	19	179	Student	Half back
Brian Mac Intyre	23	172	Student	Half forward
Jordan O'Dowd	26	189	Student	Midfield
Eoin Dowling	19	185	Student	Half forward
Padraig McGettigan	20	186	Student Full	Forward
David Boyle	19	180.5	Student	Full forward
James Kelly	21	188	Student	Half forward
Oran Winston	21	176	Student	Full forward
Conor Morrison	26	187	Engineer	Full back
Darragh Mulgrew	27	181	Teacher	Midfield
Darragh Ellison	21	181	Student	Half forward
Anthony Gallagher	20	183	Student	Full back



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Oráid Rory Kavanagh – Bainisteoir Naomh Adhamhnáin

For the second year running we meet Naomh Conail in the decider. They are in their sixth final in a row which is some going and shows the incredible consistency within the club. A team with that experience and a point to prove today makes them a very dangerous opponent for us.



I want to acknowledge and say a huge thanks to our main sponsors Mt Errigal Hotel. Terry and family are huge supporters of our club and they go above and beyond to help us in any way they can and this year was no different. Thanks again to Damien Daly and the Kernan's group in helping us with our preparations over the course of the year. To all the management team, everyone contributes and because of that it has become a shared journey. Thanks to you all for your contributions.

With the quick turnaround this week to the final, our club members have been working tirelessly decorating the town in support of the team. A massive thank you from all of us once again. To Maire Greene, thanks so

much for the countless hours you put in. On behalf of the management team and players we want to thank those have contributed towards feeding the players after some of our Championship games. It was most welcome and a very nice gesture in these hard times.

Over the last few weeks we were rocked by the news of the

unexpected death of Margaret Sullivan , a day after the passing of her father Patrick Devenney. We want to send our condolences to all the Devenney and Sullivan families at this very sad time. Margaret and Patrick you will be sorely missed. Especially days like today .

Our club has family at its centre and I want to thank all the families of the players for their huge support this year and of course to all the members of my own family who have given me incredible support. We hope everyone enjoys todays games.

Up the Black and Amber!

Focal beag ó Chathaoirleach Naomh Adhamhnáin – John Haran

As Chairman of St Eunan's GAA Club I am delighted that both our Senior Teams have made it back to their respective Co Finals. Last year was a historic year for St Eunan's as we won 5 Co Titles at adult level in both Football and Hurling. This success is down to the wonderful volunteers and coaches who put in hours of work behind the scenes working with all our underage teams.



Days like today are just rewards for their dedication and commitment to St Eunan's. I want to wish both our Teams and Managementthe best of luck today and again thank them for their efforts this season in preparing both teams so well. The past few

weeks have been very difficult for our club with the sad passing of both Patrick Devenney and his daughter Margaret Sullivan. Both Paddy and Margaret were great supporters of St Eunan's and shared many great days celebrating and consoling us after Co Finals over the years. On behalf of everyone involved in St Eunan's I would like to thank the GAA community of Donegal and

further afield who supported both families in the past two weeks.

Finally, I wish both Robbie O'Donnell and Mark Dorrian and their officials the best today and hopefully we will have two Co Finals full of quality football and excitement.

Oráid Niall O'Donnell - Captaem Naomh Adhamhnáin

It is a great honour for me, and my family, to once again lead this fantastic bunch of players onto Páirc Sheáin MhicCumhaill on county final day. I have dreamed of this from a young age and to be able to do so on successive years is something I will always treasure and I would

like to thank the management team for giving me the opportunity to captain St. Eunan's seniors this year.

St Eunans are not here again by accident. The players have worked very hard and honestly throughout the year and have stepped it up even more over the last couple of months for St. Eunan's. Naomh Conaill present an enormous challenge. They are in their sixth final in a row and will be hurting after last year. We face a tough task but there is



no better opportunity for us to showcase our hard work and ability than on county final day.

The club has been visited by tragedy over the last few weeks by the sudden death of Margaret Sullivan, just a day after her father Patrick

passed. The team would like to pass on their condolences to the Devenney and Sullivan families.

I also congratulate our Reserve team as they join us once again in the County final as they seek their fourth title in four years. It will be an incredible achievement and we all wish them luck. Finally, go raibh maith agat to all our supporters today, and through all the season, and we all look forward to doing you proud this afternoon.





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St Eunan's and Naomh Conaill's recent history means little can be taken for granted? le Alan Foley, Sports Editor - Iconic Media Group

Last November, St Eunan's rolled into MacCumhaill Park quietly confident although not overly backed in their attempt to take the Dr Maguire Cup to Letterkenny for the first time in seven years. They faced Naomh Conaill, looking for their three-in-a-row, as the sign told us at the Town End. Nobody was to know it for certain then but by the time of the Donegal SFC was to be played, the world

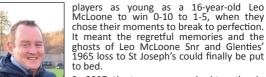
as a whole was eeking towards, although not fully at, some sort of normality in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic that had shook things over a peculiar year or two.

Less than three months beforehand, the 2020 championship had also concluded in something of an abnormality, with Naomh Conaill defeating Kilcar in a penalty shoot-out to lift the trophy in front of a capacity capped at 500, with many more watching from the couch on streams. By the time last year's final was contested, there was still a shadow over the previous one, with appeals put on ice in regards the Glenties-based side's use - or misuse - of substitutes in extra-time in that August decider against Kilcar.

The changing landscape of the local football scene told us that St Eunan's, in their first year under 2012 All-Ireland winning midfielder Rory Kavanagh, had reached the final under the radar. But thanks to an incredibly sound tactically astute performance and Naomh Conaill pretty flat on the day, it was the black and amber ribbons that were placed on the cup as Niall O'Donnell accepted it on behalf of the winning team, who were comfortable winners, 1-11 to 0-4. The win marked the latest punctuation point in domestic football in Donegal, when one preconceived notion can be banished on a single afternoon, or even with a swing of the boot. Naomh Conaill, for their part, had swung that trend in 2019 when, in the second replay, one swing of John O'Malley's curling shot had ended Gaoth Dobhair's term as champions and concluded any notion of back-to-back Ulsters for the Magheragallon club late one October Wednesday night.

Although Gaoth Dobhair, Glenswilly and Kilcar have all written significant chapters in the recent history of the Donegal SFC, it's Naomh Conaill and St Eunan's who provide the spine. They meet in the showpiece for the sixth time, following on from their altercations in 2005, 2009, 2012, 2015 and 2021. In 2005, for the outsiders looking in, there was almost an element of innocence as the blue and white hoards excitedly came in through Fintown for the final against, what was then, a seasoned St Eunan's. Then, it was Naomh Conaill who were quietly confident, with a young coach by the name of Jim McGuinness, who had hooked up with Hughie Molloy. When McGuinness had picked up a dreadful injury in a club fixture in 2004 against Killybegs – torn cruciate ligaments, broken a leg and smashed a kneecap – his inter-county career was over and although he would make fleeting club appearances for five years thereafter, his future would lie on the sidelines.

St Eunan's scraped a draw that day, one where midfielder and current club chairman John Haran might've told you since he could've won it, and the theory was that Naomh Conaill missed the bus. McGuinness, though, knows the thing about buses and and in the replay that followed, Naomh Conaill produced another significant defensive display with



By 2007, the teams were paired together in the first round with St Eunan's having also been pipped to the crown again the previous season by Stephen Cassidy and Gaoth Dobhair in another low-scoring final. McLoone, still a teen, whalloped in four goals in the first leg in Glenties and Brendan Kilcoyne's St Eunan's were on the brink.

However, they came out fighting to win the second leg and play-off that followed and it marked a run of dominance that yielded three-in-a-row, which concluded with Eamon O'Boyle's team defeating Naomh Conaill in the 2009 decider 0-13 to 0-7.

There would be no fourth successive title though, with Four Masters in 2010 finally ending the Letterkenny streak and Naomh Conaill filled the vacuum to overcome Killybegs in the final. Two years later, in 2012, the SFC began with the county still trying to shake off the Sam Maguire hangovers - masterminded by McGuinness of course. But when it filtered down following a breathless set of fixtures, there was a now familiar final pairing.

Naomh Conaill dominated that floodlit final, with Dermot Molloy and Daragh Gallagher swinging over points from all angles, with the latter even chosen 10 minutes before time to pick the Peadar McGeehin Memorial trophy, as the game's outstanding player. However, John Paul Clarke in the St Eunan's goal made a vital save from McLoone before Lee McMonagle, then only 19, smashed the only goal having been fed by Ross Wherity. Then, from a disputed 45, Mark McGowan split the Naomh Conaill posts for a 1-7 to 0-9 St Eunan's win that might well have been termed as a mash-and-grab.

Another All-Ireland appearance by Donegal in 2014 meant another whistlestop championship was claimed by St Eunan's and when things levelled out in the final against Naomh Conaill the following October, they led by two points with time running thin.

In Martin Regan's first team in charge, 14-man Naomh Conaill, without the red-carded Eoghan McGettigan, rallied to claim a narrow 0-11 to 0-10 with Aaron Thompson the unlikely match-winner on a day he started alongside brothers Leon, Anthony and Ciaran. It took St Eunan's six years to even get back to the final, coming out on the wrong side against Naomh Conaill by a single score in incident-filled semi-finals in both 2019 and 2020, until last season's triumph. After the pandemic, they might have felt that normality was restored. Naomh Conaill, of course, mightn't have the same opinion.

Kavanagh's team now have the chance to put themselves on top of the official roll of honour with a 15th crown and Naomh Conaill, this season, despite the fact it's their sixth final appearance in succession, are the ones considered to have come in under the radar. But if history between the two has taught us anything between these two, it's that nothing can be taken for granted.

Stair - Naomh Adhamhnáin

St. Eunan's was formed in 1930 and waited until 1948 to claim a first Senior County Football title and 14 more have followed in the years since with the club enjoying two "golden periods" where county Senior finals became the norm between the mid 40's and mid 70's and again from 1997 until the present day.

Our last Senior title before our win last year (2021) against Naomh Conaill was in 2014 and St. Eunan's have also enjoyed success at Senior B level over the years and the boys will be looking to retain their title in today's curtain raiser, also v Naomh Conaill.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the 1972 Championship win against Clann na Gael (Donegal Town), a year in which the Donegal Senior Footballers also claimed a first ever Ulster Senior Football Championship title. And of course, this year we remember the great Seamus Hoare, legendary goalkeeper for St. Eunan's, Donegal and Ulster who has passed on to his eternal rewardand Hughie Kelly, a member of our 1956 Championship winning panel who also passed away earlier this year.

An elusive Senior Hurling title was also added in 2021 – a great reward for a dedicated bunch that have helped hurling and camogie thrive once again in the Cathedral town.

Ladies / Girls football also continues to develop with the Senior Ladies also playing a Senior Shield Final on this County Final day. After a golden decade for Boys football between 2008 and 2018, the intervening years have been lean, but signs are starting to show again with a few teams once again becoming competitive at the all-county stages.

Hopes are high that the Senior Men can once again bring the Dr. Maguire Cup back to O'Donnell Park and the club wishes Rory, David and all the backroom team the very best. The same goes for our Senior B management team of Paul, John & Brian. Adh Mór.

2022 also marks anniversaries of other historic years in Donegal football. In 1972, Joe "Dodo" Winston (RIP) was top scorer when Donegal won their first ever Senior Ulster Championship title, while the squad also featured Eunans' clubmen Anthony Gallagher, Mickey Crossan, Mickey Sweeney and the legendary John Hannigan.

1982 saw a first adult All-Ireland title claimed with the U21 title being lifted after Roscommon were defeated, with the club well represented by Charlie Mulgrew, Eunan McIntyre and Paul Carr and 10 years later in 1992 when Sam Maguire made his maiden voyage to Donegal, the club had Charlie Mulgrew, Paul Carr and Mark Crossan on the panel. Then when Sam once again visited the Hills in 2012, the Black & Amber were represented by Kevin Rafferty and our Senior manager, Rory Kavanagh.

One Min With Shane O'Donnell, Naomh Adhamhnáin

Favourite pitch / An pháirc is fearr leat: St. Mary's Convoy

Favourite hobby / An caitheamh aimsire is fearr leat: PlayStation

Childhood hero / Laoch d'óige: Colm McFadden

Best player you have played with / An t-imreoir is fearr a d'imir leat: Kieran Tobin

Best player you have played against / An t-imreoir is fearr d'imir i d'aghaidh: Sean Jones

Best game you have been involved in / An cluiche is fearr inar imir tú: MacLarnon Final

Which team mate is the worst dresser / Cén ball foirne nach bhfuil faiseanta: Jamie Brennan

Favourite song / An t-amhrán is fearr leat: Any Drake song

Favourite film / An scannán is fearr leat: Inception

Favourite holiday destination / An áit is fearr chun saoire a chaitheamh inti: Bali

Favourite meal / An béile is fearr leat: Chicken Curry

Biggest influence on career / An duine is mó a raibh tionchar acu ort le linn na gairme? Father

Club volunteer of note / Oibrí deonach inmholta an chlub: Anne Forde

Biggest strength in your game / Láidreacht do Chluiche: Passing

Area of your game you would like to improve / An bhfuil rud ar bith a ba mhaith leat a fheabhsú insa dóigh a n-imríonn tú: All of it

Sporting hero you most admire / An Laoch Spóirt is mó meas acu orthu: Ronaldo

Advice for young players / Comhairle d'imreoirí óga: Enjoy it

Best thing about the GAA / An rud is fearr faoin

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St Eunans - Calm, Composed, Clinical

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The bookies, an exceptionally canny species were offering odds of 5/2 on St Eunan's retaining their title. The words is their "generosity" is being gobbled up by hungry punters and you can really see why. For Rory Kavanagh's men have been relentlessly efficient so far this season.

They were only really tested once so far and that was against Kilcar who made them endure some hairy moments before eventually prevailing by 1-13 to 1-11-although this was not quite a true reflection on their overall supremacy. They were a bit unknown last year-but really demolished Naomh Conaill in the final. Naomh Conaill are a proud club and will be prepared to hurl the kitchen sink at their opponents on Sunday and don't forget that Naomh Conaill are in their sixth final on the trot. They say great managers have their teams playing in their image.

Rory Kavanagh has always been calm, composed and clinical and that is exactly what Eunan's have been all season. And even when Kilcar snuffed out a six points lead Eunan's did not deviate an iota from the way they played their game. They remind me of Barcelona keeping the ball until they have the maximum chance of scoring.

Critics say this is too elaborate-but it has been most effective for this fairly young team. And there is a hint of Jim McGuinness in the way they play too and that is no surprise as Kavanagh was one of McGuinness's greatest officers. They did not panic against Kilcar and kept playing the same way and like all great teams, found a way to win. And boy have they a formidable armoury.

Shaun Patton may still be occasionally slightly suspect under the high ball-but he still among the top keepers in the land.



His booming laser like kick-out are massive for Eunan's and there could have been a goal from one of them late on against Kilcar. That gives massive confidence, knowing you have a keeper with such talents.

I am not convinced that he is as big an asset when he decides to play outfield and but for some quick thinking by his colleagues he could have been potentially lobbed by Paddy McBrearrty as he sprinted back to his goals after being 50 metres out from his natural habitat. Caolan Ward is a very experienced full back and Conor O'Donnell Snr is playing the football of his career while Darragh Mulgrew and the McGettigan's give Eunan's real aerial power.

But it is their forwards that could prove to be the greatest single threat to Naomh Conaill. Take brothers Shane and Niall O'Donnell in central slots...both are powerful players and finishers.

Shane has a super burst of speed and can score while Niall is a great marksman while Eoin McGeehin is also a fine finisher as well. Ciaran Moore has been a revelation while Conor Parke Sean McVeigh, Aaron Deeney, Peter Devine and Peter McEniff are all great team players.

They had nine different scorers against Kilcar, and that is probably their greatest asset. But their bench is something else really. Kieran Tobin, Jordan O'Dowd, Conor O'Donnell Jnr (injured), Padraig McGettigan, Brian McIntyre, Conor Morrison and Eoin Dowling would walk on to any other club side in the county. They are a side teeming with talent and could be around for quite a few years.

It is very hard to see a very good Naomh Conaill side stopping their run.



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Oráid Comh-Bainisteoirí Naomh Adhamhnáin

County Final day is a massive day in the club calendar and we are delighted to be involved in the Senior B Final again this year against our old rivals, Naomh Conaill.

We set out at the start of the year to establish our Junior A team to aid in player development and while

there were a lot of hard days trying to field 4 teams on a weekend in the league, it has been very worthwhile. The Senior B / Reserve structure is something that needs to be looked at – we had no game the first two rounds of this year's Championship and some walkovers in the league and so feel we are coming into today's decider against a very good Naomh Conaill team a little undercooked in terms of preparation.

We're probably a little fortunate to be here after two hard games against



two very good teams in Kilcar and Gaoth Dobhair, but now we're here we'll do everything we can to bring the cup back to O'Donnell Park.

Our thanks to Rory & David from the Senior management; to Peter McGeehin & Adrian McClafferty and Kevin

McGee from the Junior teams for their help and support all year.

Thanks also to our sponsors, Highland Bakery for their continued support. Best of luck to our Senior team today, Rory and David have done brilliant work all year preparing the team so hopefully they can bring Dr. Maguire back to the Park again.

Paul McGovern, John Coleman & Brian McGeehin

Focal ó Captaen Naomh Adhamhnáin B – Eddie Blake

It's a great honour to captain this young team today in the Senior B Final. We've had some great games over the last few years with this excellent Naomh Conaill team and I'm sure today promises to be another close encounter that could go either way.

It's a massive day again for the club with the Seniors also in their Final and I'm sure another

close game is in store there, we wish Rory, David and all the players all the best in their quest to repeat as Senior championship winners.



I'd like to thank our management for their hard work all year — it wasn't always easy, but they put in a big effort.

I want to wish our injured players well and assure them we'll give it all for them today. We had a great relationship with the other teams in the club, and they were a great help in getting us here today.

Finally, thanks to Kevin and all the team at Highland Bakery for their sponsorship of the team.

Expect another classic encounter between the big two

Le Daire Bonnar, Donegal Sports Hub

The Senior B Championship final gives us a curtain raiser to the A final between the same teams, showcasing the strength in depth of both sides. They give us the first battle at MacCumhaill Park at 2.15pm where both sides will want to secure early bragging rights ahead of the Senior Final.

St. Eunan's come into this game as the reigning champions, and six of those players who defeated Ardara by 25 points in last year's final featured against Gaoth Dobhair last Saturday.

The Black and Amber suffered a bit of an early scare in that game as they were four points down coming towards half-time, but they quickly scored 1-4 and went into the break two ahead.

They were never comfortable in this affair however, with Donnachadh Devenney's stoppage time point giving them the two point victory to reach the final.

Lee McMonagle scored four points in that win and has been one of many key figures in the side that are going for an incredible four-in-a-row.

The experience that many of these players have, combined with a youthful squad, gives them a perfect blend that has been crucial to their success. And they have been tested, with that narrow semi-final win, and a tough game against

Kilcar in the quarter-final came after a loss to Sean MacCumhaills in a game they didn't have to win but would have liked to in order to keep the momentum up.

But despite these games, they haven't faced a test that will be as tough as a free scoring Naomh Conaill side who topped the table before the quarter-finals. Scoring 15 goals in those four games, the Glenties men then blitzed Cloughaneely 5-17 to 0-5 in the quarter-finals, and impressed again in the semi-finals with a 3-16 to 1-6 win over Glenfin. The likes of Marc Burke, Seamus Corcoran and Leon Thompson have been important in the untouchable run for Naomh Conaill so far.

The experience of the aforementioned Corcoran and Byrne, along with the likes of Darragh Gallagher and Nathan Byrne will give them a big push in their bid to reclaim the title they last won in 2018. The pair met in the quarterfinal stage last year in what was looked at as the winners would go on to be the champions. And that's exactly what happened as St. Eunan's edged through with a 1-6 to 0-8 win, but expect Naomh Conaill to be hungry for revenge in this encounter that could be the perfect warm-up to a great day of football.



One Min With James Kelly, Naomh Adhamhnáin

Club: Naomh Adhamháin

Favourite Position: Midfield/ Half back

Favourite Pitch: O'Donnell Park

Hobbies: Keeping Morrison between the ditches in Dublin

Childhood Hero: Oisin O'Boyle if it wasn't for injuries he'd be at the top

Best Player you have played with: Fatboy

Best player you have played against: Cian McMonagle

Best game you have been involved in: 2021 u21 final SCLG

Best trainer within your club's squad: Bomber

Worst trainer within the club's squad: Anthony Gallagher

Best motivator within the squad: Noel O'Donnell when he's not using his American

accent

Any superstitions: None

Favourite song: Endorphins- Tobi Lou Favourite Film: Remember the Titans Favourite Holiday destination: Vegas Favourite meal: San Sab Spicebag

Best advice ever received: Anything Sean Mac ever said Biggest influence on your career: Pauric Ryan/ Dad

Club volunteer of note: Anne Forde

Song you listen to before a big game: Day Ones- Tobi Nwigwe

Most important Skill: Kick passing Biggest strength in your game: 45s

Area of your game you would like to improve:

penalties

Young player within your club to look out for: Sean

Ryan still has a lot of potential

Batman/Superman: Superman

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Naomh Adhamhnáin - Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	
Niall Forde	23	5' 9"	Goalkeeper	
Sean Halvey	24	5' 7"	Defender	
Conor Harley	28	5' 11"	Defender	
Sean Freeburn	18	6' 2"	Defender	
Mark Cannon	20	6' 0"	Defender	
Johnny Lambe	18	6' 0"	Defender	
Gavin McCarron	17	6' 0"	Defender	
Peter Gibbons	24	6' 0"	Defender	
James Kelly	22	6' 2"	Defender	
John Gibbons	27	5' 11"	Defender	
Ryan Hilferty	23	6' 1"	Defender	
Donall Higgins	21	5' 10"	Defender	
Ultan McGuinness	18	5' 11"	Defender	
Conal McGinley	30	6' 4"	Midfield	
Darragh Toal	24	6' 1"	Midfield	
Steven Doherty	26	6' 1"	Midfield	
Noel O'Donnell	20	6' 2"	Midfield	
Cormac Finn	22	6' 0"	Midfield	
Eddie Blake (c)	35	5' 10"	Forward	
Donnachadh Devenney	19	6' 1"	Forward	
Lorcan O'Donnell	20	5' 9"	Forward	
David Boyle	18	6' 0"	Forward	
Patrick McColgan	23	6' 1"	Forward	
Patrick McGowan	33	6' 0"	Forward	
Eunan Diver	32	5' 9"	Forward	
Darragh Morrison	23	5' 9"	Forward	
Cathal McGarvey	18	5' 10"	Forward	
Cian McMonagle	19	6' 1"	Forward	
Lee McMonagle	28	6' 0"	Forward	
Dualtach Molloy	34	5' 10"	Forward	
Joshua Hay	20	5' 10"	Forward	
Oisin Purdy	23	5' 10"	Forward	
Conor McEniff	27	6' 0"	Forward	



Good Luck
St. Eunans in the
Senior Final



Naomh Adhamhnáin







Blake Forkan



Peter Gibbons

John Gibbons

Gavin McCarron







Sean Halvey

James Kelly

Ryan Hilferty





Cormac Finn

Darragh Toal

Lorcan O'Donnell



Patrick McColgan



Ultan McGuinness







David Boyle

Lee McMonagle

Oisin Purdy

- 15 Oisín Purdy
- 16 Conor Harley 17 Sean Freeburn
- 18 Eunan Diver

FIR IONAD

- 19 Johnny Lambe 20 Paddy McGowan
- 21 Cian McMonagle

- 22 Cathal McGarvey
- 23 Donnachadh Devenney
- 24 Josh Hay
- 25 Noel O'Donnell 26 Donall Higgins
- 27 Steven Doherty
- 28 Matt Ahearne







Naomh Conaill





Logan Quinn



Mark Campbell



Aaron Thompson



Connor Roarty



Shean Roarty



Joe Shankey Smith



Neil Français Boyle



Nathan Byrne



Seamus Corcoran



Darragh Gallagher



Cian Doherty





Leon Thompson

Shane McDevitt

- 16 Jordan O Donnell
- 18 Tony Byrne 19 Robbie Mc Donald
- 20 Leo Dunphy
- 21 Joe Kennedy
- 22 Michael Donoghue 23 Eoin Boyle
- 24 Paul McGuinness

Marc Burke

- 25 Aidan Gilroy
- 26 Noel Gavaghan
- 27 Kieran Gallagher
- 28 Ultan Doherty
- 29 James Boyle
- 30 Caoilum Gallagher
- 31 Jack Boyle



Naomh Conaill - Player Pen Pics

Name	Age	Height	Position	Occupation
Paudie Brennan	35	6ft 4	Goalkeeper	Teacher
Logan Quinn	24	5ft 11	Corner Back	Civil Servant
Mark Campbell	20	6ft 3	Full Back	Student
Aaron Thompson	39	5FT 8	Corner Back	Highway Techician
Connor Roarty	19	5ft 10	Half Forward	Student
Shean Roarty	21	6ft 1	Defender	Student
Joe Shankey Smith	20	6ft	Wing Back	Apprentice electician
Neil Francis Boyle	19	6ft 3	Midfield	Student
Nathan Byrne	21	6ft 3	Midfield	Landscaper
Seamus Corcoran	32	6ft	Half Forward	Garda
Daragh Gallagher	34	6ft 1	Half Forward	Senior biologic technician
Cian Doherty	22	5ft 9	Defender	Greenkeeper
Shane Mc Devitt	23	5ft 9	Full Forward	Early years educator
Marc Burke Melly	20	5ft 9	Forward	Student
Leon Thompson	37	5ft 6	Forward	Landscaper
Jordan O'Donnell	23	6ft 2	Goalkeeper	Student
Tony Byrne	23	6ft 2	Midfiled	Construction worker
Robbie Mc Donnell	19	6ft 1	Corner Back	Twitch Steamer
Leo Dunphy	21	6ft 1	Full Forward	Labourer
Joe Kennedy	32	5ft 11	Forward	Groundworks contractor
Michael Mc Donoghue	31	6ft	Defender	Engineer
Eoin Boyle	29	6ft	Forward	Sales Rep
James Boyle	24	6ft 2	Goalkeeper	Machine Operator
Aidan Gilroy	20	5ft 10	Wing Back	Student
Jack Boyle	20	6ft 4	Forward	Student
Kieran Gallagher	24	6ft 3	Midfiels	Occupational Therapist
Caoilum Gallagher	20	5ft 10	Corner Back	Student
Paul Mc Guinness	23	6ft 1	Forward	Bus driver
Noel Gavaghan	37	6ft 1	Forward	Garda



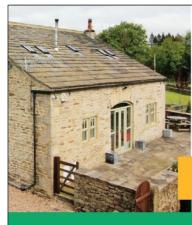














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Bainisteoir, Naomh Conaill B, Martin Gallagher

Firstly, I would like to congratulate our players on reaching the county final and thank them for all their hard work over the course of the season. It has been a successful season so far by winning the league title and

hopefully we can add a championship title to that today.

This December will mark 20 years since we won our first Democrat cup which was a significant breakthrough for the club. The club had never won a senior championship at that point, we now have 5 titles and hoping to add another one today, and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish Martin and the team the very best of luck.

We had never won a senior B title, but that box was ticked in 2017. Hopefully we can add another one today. The club had never won a under 21 title until 2022 and



since then it has won 5 titles. The club had not won a Minor championship for over 40 years and that drought was ended the following year in 2003. The catalyst for this success goes back to 1998 when Anthony Thompson, Brendy Mc Dyer and

company delivered our first under 21 title in a famous night in Fintra.

I would like to thank everyone in the club and the parish for their contributions over the last number of years. Sadly, some of those great Naomh Conaill people who helped with these achievements are no longer with us, but they are still fondly remembered for their hard work.

Finally, I hope everyone enjoys their County Final day and that Naomh Conaill has many more successful years. To finish with a famous quote "A lot done, More to do".

Captaen Naomh Conaill B, Logan Quinn

On behalf of the Naomh Conaill Senior B team, I'd like to welcome you all to today's County Finals.

It's a very special day for the club having both our teams in their respective finals. We train together for the majority

of the year and are a tight knit group. For young players there are no better people to look up to than our seniors, both as footballers and as people.



We have enjoyed a great year as a reserve team to date and hopefully we can end it on a high in what will be a very tough game today.

Lastly, I'd just like to thank our supporters who always come out in great numbers year

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1 Minute with Marc Burke Melly, Naomh Conaill

Favourite Position: Centre Forward

Favourite Pitch: Davy Brennan Memorial Park

Hobbies: Basketball and surfing **Childhood hero:** David Roog

Best Player you have played with: Eoghan McGettigan **Best Player you have played against:** Edward Moss

Best game you have been involved in: U15 gaeltacht semi final against

Ardara

Best trainer within your club's squad: Shean Roarty

Worst trainer within the club's squad: None

Best motivator within the squad: Aaron Thompson

Any superstitions: None

Favourite Song: Mysterious Girl

Favourite Film: Shawshank Redemption

Favourite Holiday Destination: Ibiza
Favourite Meal: Spaghetti Bolognese

Best advice ever received: Let the high ball in low **Biggest influence on career:** Michael 'Jack' O'Donnell

Club Volunteer of note: Michael Quinn

Song you listen to before big games: Barbie Girl

Most important skill: Both feet

Biggest Strength in your game: Goal scoring

Area of your game you would like to improve: Nothing at the moment

Advice for youngsters: Train hard and listen to your managers

Young Player within your club to look out for:

Donnacha Malone

Best thing about the GAA: All of it

Batman/Superman: Batman

Up Early/Lie in: Lie in Chinese/Pizza: Chinese Twitter Account: None Istagram Account: None





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